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EDITORIALS†

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION: CORONADO, MAY 6-9

Annual Session Proceedings Will Appear in June Issue.—Much of the preliminary story of this year's annual session of the California Medical Association has already been given in the "Pre-Convention Bulletin" supplement to the April number of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE. Since, therefore, the current issue will be placed in the mails when the meetings at Coronado are still in progress, the record of proceedings of the annual session, both in relation to the scientific assemblies (general and section meetings, scientific exhibits, and medical films) and organization or business activities (House of Delegates and Council meetings), must lie over for the June issue of the OFFICIAL JOURNAL. In the meantime, returning delegates and visitors will be able to make their oral reports to component societies.

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Increasing Activities Necessitate a Larger "Pre-Convention Bulletin."—Members may have noted that the "Annual Session Program—Pre-Convention Bulletin" supplement was of larger size this year, consisting of ninety-two pages; the OFFICIAL JOURNAL proper containing only fifty-two pages of text. To some members, so large an allocation of space for a discussion of activities and policies may seem unwarranted; but such judgment must be changed if it be agreed that the story of the needs of organized and scientific medicine should be made available to each of the more than six thousand physicians who make up the California Medical Association membership. Nor should it be forgotten that, today, it is the practice of scientific medicine that is being assailed; mostly, it is true, by theorizing agencies and individuals from without the medical profession, but, nevertheless, with powerful effect and to the detriment of the prestige of the medical profession. In recent years there has never been a time when scientific medicine has so much needed the support of organized medicine than at the very present. There is ample reason, therefore, for bringing the many reports that were given place in the "Pre-Convention Bulletin" to the attention of State Association members.

† Editorials on subjects of scientific and clinical interest, contributed by members of the California Medical Association, are printed in the Editorial Comment column which follows.

Why More General Meetings Were Inaugurated at This Year's Annual Session.—In recent issues mention was made of the departure from program arrangements of previous years, whereby each morning of the four-day session was set aside for a general meeting of all members; the meetings of the twelve scientific sections being held in the afternoons. The Committee on Scientific Work, in recommending this innovation, felt that the programs of the general meetings could be made of equal interest and value to physicians, both those in general and those in special practice. Also, that the recital and discussions in the general meetings on the progress and newer work in specialty fields were desirable for physicians doing general work, just as it was good for specialists, in turn, to keep more in mind their own relation to general medicine and practice. It will be interesting to observe the reaction of members in attendance at Coronado concerning these new procedures. If favorably received, they will, no doubt, be continued.

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Sunday Meetings for Accessory and Affiliated Organizations.—California, geographically considered, is a large state; on which account, both because of time and money factors, contemplated travel from place to place must usually be carefully considered by physicians. For instance, at this sixty-ninth annual session, the California Medical Association convenes at Coronado, practically on the Mexican border, in a city about one thousand miles distant from the California cities of Eureka and Yreka, adjacent to the Oregon border. Therefore, because of transportation conditions, this year's trip means practically an extra day away from practice for the majority of those members who reside north of the Tehachapi.

Which brings to mind the thought: why not emphasize the value of meetings on the Sunday which immediately precedes the opening session on Monday morning? The earnest and growing groups of members who register for the Sunday conferences in radiology and pathology give ample evidence of the desirability of such Sunday meetings, especially for physicians who can be away only a limited number of days, and who find week-end absences less disturbing in their work.

Members of the Committee on Scientific Work have also expressed the opinion that all meetings at which lectures or demonstrations are given by organizations that are not official units of the California Medical Association might well hold their major meetings on Sunday mornings and afternoons, in order to avoid conflict and overlapping with the afternoon meetings of the twelve Scientific Sections of the Association. In this connection, it must be remembered that, under the new arrangements, no Sections are permitted to hold morning meetings; and also, that Tuesday afternoon, as in previous years, is allocated for entertainment. On Sunday, meeting-room facilities are ample, but not so on other days of the session.

Attention is again called to the Sunday meetings for physicians who are interested in keeping in touch with radiologic and pathologic work. The

earnestness of those who have been attending these conferences is the best evidence of the worth of such meetings. The committees in charge of those programs will be glad to give information to physicians who are interested, and who have not availed themselves of the privileges of attendance.*

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All Members Should Visit Scientific and Technical Exhibits, and Medical Film Displays. Some comment concerning the scientific exhibits and displays of medical films would seem to be in order. It is the hope of the Committee on Scientific Work that these features may be so developed that, in the future, they will become of increasing interest and value. In this connection it is proper at this time to advise all members who contemplate exhibit or film displays for next year's annual session to make their plans now, and confer at an early date with the proper officers and committees. Likewise, members who have in mind the submittal of papers for placement on the program of the annual session to be held next year should write as soon as convenient to the Secretary of the proper Scientific Section.†

MEDICAL SERVICE LEGISLATION

Vigilance Concerning Proposed Legislation Must Not Abate.—So long as statutes inimical to standards of scientific medicine and practice are pending in legislative halls at Washington or Sacramento, or are under serious consideration and approval of a state administration, the organized medical profession of California must continue to maintain an alert interest in proposed federal and state laws. The repeated onslaughts that have been made against the medical profession, from angles and forces not foreseen so recently as even ten years ago, and the widespread acceptance by a large number of citizens of the propagandist half-truths so ruthlessly and persistently exploited concerning supposed medical inadequacies, should convince all physicians that, in these matters, the medical profession of the United States is not confronted with a passing theory or emotional whim, but by an accomplished fact; namely that, for reasons best known to themselves, these propagandist agencies referred to have embarked on a determined campaign to bring about the enactment of so-called health and hospitalization measures which they so vociferously espouse, both on platforms and in press.

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Physicians Must Be Alert to Civic Responsibilities.—Wherefore, in order best to conserve the interests of the public health and the practice of scientific medicine, all physicians, more than ever before, should take an interest in civic matters, and be observant of candidates who aspire for office in the legislative chambers, or in the gubernatorial administrative divisions. Candidates who in the past have had affiliation with, or who, through their

* For additional information, see in "Pre-Convention Bulletin," under "Other Meetings," on page 28.

† The list of Section officers appears in each issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, on advertising page 6.